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The ~~Deputy~~ Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/CATF/DO

FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: Nicaragua and Cuba -
Church/State Relations

Consult with Dave Gries on both of
these matters and let me know if I can
help get action on them.


William J. Casey

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

Chief, Central America Task Force

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The attached telegrams graphically demonstrate the intense pressure being applied by the Sandinistas to the Nicaraguan Church. It is safe to state that never have the likes of Interior Minister Borge or Security Chief Cerna been so blatant in their threats to Cardinal Obando y Bravo and to the Church institution as a whole.

You will note

that VOA coverage of this specific instance has been "late and lame." This is the latest in a series of ongoing criticisms made regarding VOA's lack of enthusiasm and speed in buttressing the Administration's position regarding Nicaraguan violations of all civilized norms. Because of the severity of the current situation and the significance of VOA's shortcoming, it would be useful if you could share with USIA Director Wick our concerns, and the need for immediate correction of VOA's poor track record regarding coverage of Nicaragua and especially its unwillingness to be supportive of democratic elements and to attack Sandinista outrages.

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ROME FOR EMBASSY VATICAN (INFO)

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PHUM PINS NU PGOV NU

SUBJ: BARGE SUMMONS CARDINAL OBANDO TO MINT OFFICES

REF: MANAGUA 6294 AND PREVIOUS

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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: MINISTER OF INTERIOR GON TOMAS BORGE SUMMONED CARDINAL OBANDO Y BARAVO TO MINISTRY TO INTERIOR OFFICES THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 18, CLAIMING HE HAD SOME "UGLY" EVIDENCE HE WANTED TO SHOW THE CARDINAL. NO EVIDENCE WAS PRODUCED AT THE MEETING, BUT BORGE DID SAY THAT A SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY POSTER AGAINST THE MILITARY DRAFT HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE OCCUPIED CURIA SOCIAL SERVICE (COPROSA) OFFICES.

BORGE ASKED THE CARDINAL ABOUT HIS AND COPROSA'S TIES TO OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES. HE SAID COPROSA OFFICES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE RETURNED TO THE CURIA AFTER THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE ORGANIZATION. BORGE ADVISED THE CARDINAL THAT HE MUST HAVE PRIOR PERMISSION FOR HIS PASTORAL VISITS OUTSIDE MANAGUA AND WARNED THAT MORE PRIESTS WOULD BE EXPELLED IF THEY CONTINUED TO PREACH POLITIC FROM THE PULPIT. END SUMMARY.

3. THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 18, GON MINISTER OF INTERIOR TOMAS BORGE TELEPHONED CARDINAL OBANDO Y BRAVO ASKING HIM TO COME TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICES AT 5:00 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON, ACCORDING TO MARTA PATRICIA BALTODANO (PROTEFT), DIRECTOR OF THE CURIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, WHO SPOKE TO POLOFF LATE IN THE EVENING OCTOBER 18. THE CARDINAL REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT AT HIS RESIDENCE WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT THAT HOUR BUT HAD ASKED BORGE IF HE WOULD COME TO THE CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE FOR AN APPOINTMENT AFTER THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR. BORGE DECLINED THE INVITATION, TELLING THE CARDINAL THAT HE HAD "THINGS" IN HIS OFFICE HE HAD TO SHOW THE CARDINAL.

4. BALTODANO SAID THAT THE CARDINAL HAD ARRIVED AT MINT OFFICES AT 6:30 P.M. BORGE HAD CLAIMED THAT MINT INVESTIGATORS HAD FOUND "SOME UGLY THINGS" IN COPROSA OFFICES, BUT MINT CAPTAIN ALBERTO BACA NAVAS, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE EVIDENCE, HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE TO COME AT THAT HOUR TO SHOW THOSE THINGS TO THE CARDINAL, AS PLANNED. BORGE HAD NOT SPECIFIED WHAT THE "THINGS" WERE EXCEPT FOR MENTIONING, LATER DURING THE CONVERSATION, THAT A PSC (SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY) POSTER AGAINST THE SANDINISTA MILITARY CRAFT (SMP) FOUND IN THE COPROSA OFFICES WAS OBJECTIONABLE. (EMBASSY

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FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT A COPY OF PSC POSTER AGAINST
THE SMP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.)

5. BALJODANO RECOUNTED THAT BORGE HAD ASKED THE CARDINAL
WHAT TIES HE PERSONALLY AND COPROSA AS AN ORGATION
HAD TO THE PSC OR ANY OTHER OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY.
THE CARDINAL REPLIED THAT HE HOPED AS CARDINAL HE HAD
RELATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE
COUNTRY AND THAT COPROSA'S BUSINESS RELATIONS WERE ALL
LEGALLY REGISTERED. THE CARDINAL HAD ASKED BORGE IF HE
PLANNED TO CONFISCATE COPROSA OFFICES OR TO RETURN THEM
TO THE CURIA. BORGE HAD ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY
RETURN COPROSA OFFICES TO THE CURIA, BUT NOT UNTIL
THE GON HAD FINISHED ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.

END OF MESSAGE

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